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LETTER DATED 8 OCTOBER 1996 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

Enclosed please find the text of a note verbale dated 4 October 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations responding to the latter's note verbale dated 26 September 1996 (A/AC.154/296, annex) regarding the arrival in the United States on 26 September 1996 of the Honourable Foreign Minister, His Excellency Chief Tom Ikimi.

I kindly request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Victor MARRERO

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Annex

Note verbale dated 4 October 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note verbale No. 139/96 dated 26 September 1996, wishes to assure the Permanent Mission that there was no intention by the United States to embarrass the Honourable Foreign Minister, His Excellency Chief Tom Ikimi, upon his arrival in the United States on 26 September 1996.

The United States takes its role as host country to the United Nations very seriously and endeavours to carry out that role in an exemplary fashion. On rare occasions, despite the best intentions of the host country, a mishap, such as the one described in the note, will occur. The United States Mission regrets any inconvenience to the arriving party.